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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: DR. MASS

SUBJECT: ALLEGED DIVERSION OF M-16'S

- 1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A REPORT FROM U.S. CUSTOMS ALLEGING THAT A NUMBER, POSSIBLY 3000, OF COLT M-16 RIFLES HAVE BEEN DIVERTED FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO LEBANON.
- 2. WE APPROVED TWO LICENSES FOR M-16S IN THE PAST, ONE ON NOVEMBER 24, 1976 FOR 2000 RIFLES WHICH WERE EXPORTED ON DECEMBER 7, 1976. THE SECOND WAS ISSUED ON JULY 28, 1977 AND 3000 RIFLES EXPORTED ON DECEMBER 16, 1977.
- 3. OTHER THAN THE REPORT IN HAND FROM U.S. CUSTOMS, WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY IRREGULARITIES IN DOMINICAN PROCUREMENT OF THESE OR ANY OTHER WEAPONS. DEPARTMENT WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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APPRECIATE EMBASSY CHECKING ON A DISCREET REPEAT DISCREET BASIS AS TO WHETHER THE DOMINICAN ARMED FORCES HAVE 5000 M-16S IN INVENTORY. CHRISTOPHER

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